

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 16, 1883, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Oakland, July 16th. (1883?) My dear Alec:

I am disappointed and inclined to be uneasy at not hearing from you by letter or telegram today. I have only had one letter in nearly a week's absence. I hope you are well and have not one of those dreadful headaches. If you have please do leave everything and come to be taken care of by your wife. If I knew you were well and what you were doing and how living I should be satisfied to be left alone, as it is I feel a little worried.

Nothing to tell you of here, all quite well and enjoying our equal mixture of rain and shine. Sister and Maurice have been out driving with our horses but not with our carriage which is waiting for you to give me my first drive.

I have a box of grapes from Cambridge and so can do without fruit from you, but have written to Magruder to send up some things to be forwarded with the clean clothes, which please hurry up as we are in dire need.

The children are enjoying the hammock very much. They have caught a small caterpillar with two tails and planted some seeds in pots and I am as ignorant as they when the sprouts will come up. Susie I think is rather afraid to have them water them as she says she once heard that the reason why the Queen had such large feet was because she watered them equally with her flowers when she was a child. I am afraid the mischief is already done with my children.

I told Elsie how Columbus discovered America and strange to say she found it one of the most interesting of my stories.

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There — you see my wits would be decidedly the better for a little whetting so I will not inflict any more stuff on you.

Take good care of my little boy for me.

Yours lovingly, Mabel. (letter unsigned)